

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

A covering member is attached for covering a shaft coupling portion of a yoke. Provided at the covering member is an L-shaped salient tongue which projects inwardly of the shaft coupling portion. A groove portion is formed at a bolt-width portion of a pinion shaft. The groove portion has a width in the axial direction with a center at a position which opposes the salient tongue when the bolt-width portion is arranged at a set position in the shaft coupling portion. When the bolt-width portion of the pinion shaft is inserted through an opening portion of the shaft coupling portion, insertion is prohibited unless the salient tongue is inserted into the groove portion, so that a problem of poor insertion positioning of a shaft in a yoke is solved.